

In Memoriam

The Law Library's members come primarily from the practicing bar and the bench of Hamilton County. We recognize our recently deceased members at the Annual Meeting with a moment of silence. This year, we pay tribute to:

J. Alan Lips, former trustee, CLLA
John L. Muething
Eli Namanworth
Jim S. Wachs

On April 8, 2009, the Law Library hosted the Cincinnati Bar Association's reception following its memorial service. We acknowledge the passing of these colleagues from the legal community:

Judge Robert L. Black, Jr.
Fredrick H. Braun
Joseph J. Connaughton
Joseph A. Dixon
Albert R. Fingerhant
Guido James Gores
James W. Halloran
Ralph B. Kohnen, Jr.
J. Alan Lips
William N. Mire
John L. Muething
Eli Namanworth
C. Robert Tatgenhorst
Judge Eugene J. Utz
Dennis W. Van Houten
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The 2008 Annual Report was presented to the CLLA membership at its Annual Meeting on June 25, 2009.

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Annual Report



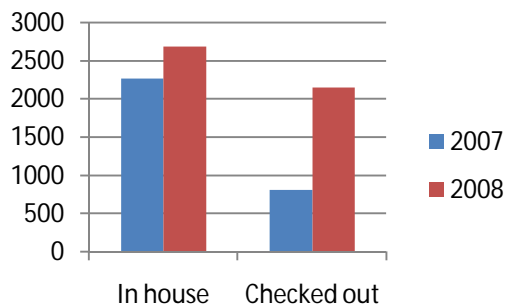
2008: Year in Review

The constant refrain of 2008 was "county law library legislation". While vigilant in their review of draft legislation and the potential impact of a new law, Law Library trustees and personnel also facilitated projects and new services.

Highlights of 2008 include:

- Transfer of the historical & rare collections to University of Cincinnati's law library,
- Collection weeding and new acquisitions, with special attention to CLE materials, books intended for the general public, and the replacement of outdated material,
- Addition of online BNA titles, availability of remote access to Lexis for solo attorneys, and access to selected Westlaw databases,
- Development of a wiki for in-house knowledge management,
- Additional document scanning capabilities,
- Increases in library use, both in terms of circulation and requests for research guidance; and
- Elimination of all remaining seventh floor materials and shelving.

Circulation



The imminent demise of the book is not evident at the CLLA, as demonstrated by demand for print materials. Use of print

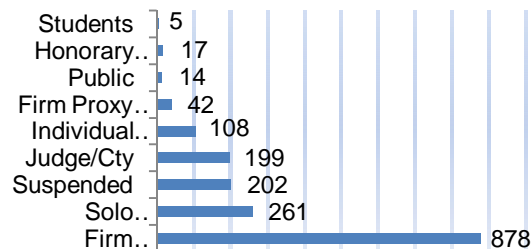
materials jumped again in 2008. 4,831 items were used, both in the Library and circulated to members, an increase of 64% in print collection use over 2007.

Membership Report

The Law Library Association has 1,566 active members (solos, firm attorneys, individual attorneys employed by non-member firms, and members of the public who are not attorneys). 224 new members joined in 2008, including 5 firms. CLLA has 41 firms as members. In addition, we provided services to 199 County judges, prosecutors, public defenders, municipal lawyers, police, deputies, and elected officials. (Note that all county officials and judges have access to the Law Library; 199 are "registered" or active users.) *[Suspended = suspended for non-payment, but may still renew. In 2007, 241 were suspended.]*

Note: 2007's Annual Report inadvertently included expired members in the totals, thus inflating the figures.

2008 Membership

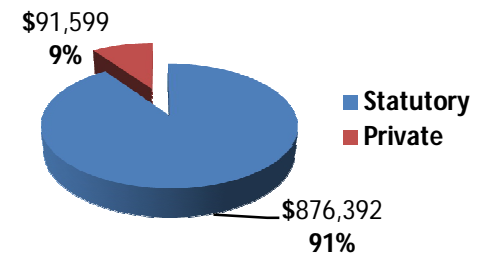


Income & Expenses

The Law Library is funded by traffic fine revenue as well as private sources, including membership dues. Statutory income in 2008 was \$876,392 with Municipal Court fine revenue accounting for \$836,246 or 95.4%. Municipal Court fine revenue was down from \$897,921 in 2007, a decrease of about 7%.

More troubling than the overall percentage was the fact that November and December revenues dropped precipitously, suggesting a trend. The Librarian's account showed 2008 revenue of \$91,599, or about 9.4% of the overall Law Library budget. Membership income was up \$15,000 over 2007.

2008 Income



The Library's collection remains the primary expense, with \$472,664 spent on print and electronic materials in 2008 (70% print, 30% electronic), or 59% of the statutory expenses. This is a very slight decrease from 2007 spending but it represents an increase of over \$15,000 on digital resources and an increased focus on practitioner information needs.

Law Library Legislation

After the Task Force on Law Library Associations and legislators circulated and modified several drafts, H.B. 420 was introduced and, ultimately, signed by the Governor in December. The law establishes County Law Library Resources Boards, shifting the governance of all county law libraries from the private associations to public boards, effective January 1, 2010. A fund dedicated to the county law library is established and a statewide consortium of county law library boards starts up in 2011. H.B. 66 rent and compensation provisions were repealed, effective December 31, 2008. The statutory revenue stream is unaffected by this law.